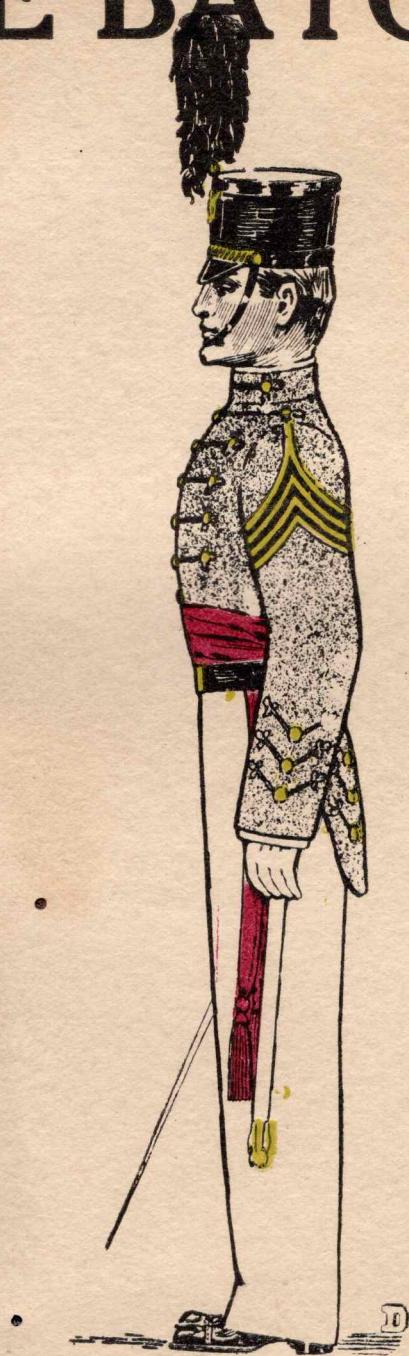


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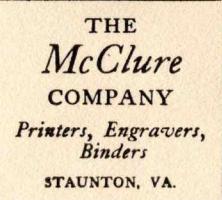
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Sunday night

Isn't this a good story
on page 5. Hugh Argenbright
son of Neiske Argenbright from
Staunton wrote it. He boy
is in my advanced English
Class. Recd your letter
& enjoyed it so much.
I am now unable to say
what I can do for any of
the boys. I may be able to
give the best one a place
in our house next year.



Janet, Clark & I will
move in our new home
this week. We think
it is beautiful. We have three bath
rooms. & both electricity & gas.
Hot water for the heat. Clark
Byers & his wife went to church to
day. Emma, Cyrus Jr & Cyrus Jr. were at our
host & we game yesterday. Went to Clark's Roller

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Editorials —

Our Return



ERE we are again, hard at work for our semi-final exams. Fellows, we are on the final dash of the first lap and although we all are rather unsettled and are homesick to some extent, we should lay that aside, concentrate our minds, grit our

teeth and make the best of it. Soon that case of homesickness will leave you and then you will see how foolish you were to let it trouble you so long.

Homesickness is as natural and common a thing as our breathing, especially after the holidays, and we should do all in our power to try to control it. Even though you feel it getting the best of you, keep it to yourself and don't see how miserable you can make life at A. M. A. for your fellow cadets. Forget it or try to forget the good times you had during your vacation and hold them only as pleasant memories of the past.

Now, fellows, remember that no one has, or ever will get his education by peacefully reclining in an arm-chair or while asleep, but by hard work and self-sacrifice.

Cheer up, the worst is over, spring is near, soon the trees will bud, flowers will blossom on the hillsides, the brooks will leap and laugh down the hollows and peace and contentment will sing among the hills.

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Literary Department



To the Victor Belongs the Spoils



SILVERY moon hung over the distant snow capped mountain, whose icy crest sparkled and glistened with countless shades of light. Down in the valley, spring was getting in her work. Only patches of snow remained and the tributaries of Lake Murkiso were free from their icy casing. Dark shadows flitted in the forest's gloom, while on the lake's edge the moonlight clothed it in a pale radiance. Far up on the hillside a fox barked, and on the other side of the valley a night hawk screamed a challenge to the world. A gentle breeze was stirring and flecked the blue waters of the lake into little ripples that washed ashore with a gentle lapping murmur. All the denizens of the forest seemed awake, as the coming spring filled their blood with exultation. Far up the valley at the head of the lake a lone wolf howl arose with a quivering cry. It did not have the menace in its tone that would have sounded a month previous. For was it not the beginning

of the mating season? The pack had broken up, each seeking his own game and a mate.

In the edge of the forest a black form moved down in the water's edge and paused a moment to snuff the air. No warning scent of peril came to the sensitive nose of the cow moose. She bent her head and drank. Lifting it she peered into the gloom of the forest and out across the lake. Her large brown eyes had a want in their liquid depths that she must satisfy. After a careful scrutiny, she waded out into the lake until the water reached her belly. Lifting her head she gave a call—the call of a cow moose calling for a mate. Its hoarse appeal echoed from one side of the ravine to another and was carried far across the lake where the lone wolf listened without the gleam of killing in his eyes. She waited for an answer but none came. Waiting fifteen or twenty minutes later, she again called and then listened.

Upon the edge of the ravine a hoarse bellow replied, followed by a thrashing of the undergrowth as a big bull moose answered the cry. At the same time another disturbance arose on the other side as another bull answered the challenge. Both the suitors made a noise as of a locomotive as they slashed the bushes and vines with their great antlers. The first bull who had answered the cow's call suddenly ceased his noisy approach but not so the other. On he came with a great noise until he stood at the edge of the forest. He looked inquiringly at the cow who eyed him critically. He was a great beast but the small antlers betrayed his few years of experience. Had it not been for his inexperience he would have stopped at the edge of the thicket and recon-

noitred the situation. He moved up to the water's edge and shook his head. His long upper lip wiggled in a friendly attempt. The cow advanced a few steps and then hesitated, but in a moment she came forward and touched noses with her suitor. At that moment a bellow arose, scarce twenty feet away from the pair and the first bull charged down upon his rival. The great beast had moved silently up and now through his cunning was nearby the victor, for with great speed, and weight behind it, he rushed with lowered horns upon his rival.

The younger bull had merely time to lower his head and meet the charge, which carried him back on his haunches. Quickly slipping his guard he sprang aside and now met his rival on more even terms. Again they came together, with a clash of horns and a flying of dirt and gravel as their hoofs dug into the earth for a purchase.

The cow stood, an interested spectator, for in her code, to the victor belonged the spoils. The bull that should win would be her mate, mattering not, whether it was the tall antlered one or the younger. The beasts' eyes glowed firey red with hate as they struggled for the defeat of each other. Great ruts were cut in the turf as their sharp hoofs cut gashes in its yielding surface.

Deep breaths were drawn and sent whistling out in clouds of vapor in the cool air. Suddenly a crafty gleam came into the eyes of the antlered bull. He saw that he could not beat down his antagonist by weight, so he would win by cunning. Watching his chance he shifted his guard and sprang aside. The younger bull fell forward on his knees from the momentum of his charge.

In that moment his doom was sealed, for the other was down upon him like a catamount, his great horns

ripping and tearing while his sharp hoofs pounded upon his victim's unprotected side. With a bellow half of terror and half of pain, the young bull was completely turned over and with his long legs wildly beating the air he was totally ripped open. Even after the dark shape lay still, the antlered bull pounded it with his hoofs until it became a shapeless mass. At last becoming more pacified from his rage, his great head went up and a bellow of challenge rang out over the lake. The cow moose, seeing the fight was over, came forward and touched noses with her wooer. All remaining signs of rage died out of his eyes and were now replaced by a mild light of tenderness. After a few moments of love making the pair moved silently back into the forest. The moon shone silently down upon the dark mass that an hour previous had gloried in the health and strength of a young bull moose. The sounds of the forest still continue and a peaceful calm settled down upon the landscape. Later the moon sank behind the snow-capped mountain and darkness hid the cruel remains of a life or death fight which was the beginning of many of the same kind, as the animals paired off as nature had decreed.

H. C. A.



Athletics

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 UR basketball team has improved very much in the last few weeks under the coaching of Capt. Churchman, and if they continue to profit by their coaching and don't think that they have every game won before they enter it, we should have a good team this year, and make a record that will even surpass that of last year's team. The basketball squad is composed of the following men: Nelms, Burdett, Fox, Shott, Rawlings, Mathias, Jennings, Roderigues, Stratton, Loth, Clemmer and Weaver.

Captain Churchman has partly made out the schedule for this year's basketball team, and although there are only a few games scheduled now, we have several games pending and from the looks of things we will have a large schedule as soon as we hear from all the schools that we have written to for games. The schedule so far made out is as follows:

- W. & L. 2nd Team At Lexington, Jan. 16
- F. M. S. At Home, Jan. 31
- S. M. A. At Staunton, Feb. 9
- Shepherd College At Home, Feb. 13
- S. M. A. At Home, Feb. 21

The games that are pending are with Shenandoah Valley Academy, Jefferson School, Episcopal High School, Bridgewater College, Shenandoah Collegiate Institute, Charlottesville High School, Return game with F. M. S.

Quite a novel and delightful entertainment was furnished to the corps and the ladies of the post, Saturday night, when several exciting basketball games were pulled off by teams of the different barracks. At eight-thirty the Varsity played the scrubs but not creating the enthusiasm that followed when the "Upper Barn," under the captainship of Lora was defeated by "Colonels Barracks," under Loth, as captain, by a score of 11 to 2. Next came the mess hall five, under Charleton, against the Lower Barn, under Curtis, C., with a score of four to three in favor of the latter. The last game was played between B Barracks and New Barracks, Clemmer being captain of the former and Argenbright of the latter. Every minute of the play was more than thrilling, as few fouls were called and the two teams did not adhere closely to the rules of the game. After considerable rangling and many attempts for goal, the whistle blew, leaving a score of three to two in favor of New Barracks.

A. M. A., 5—W. & L. SCRUBS, 20

Our boys showed up very well in our first hard-fought basketball game of the season, when they were defeated by the W. & L. 2nd team, by a score of 20 to 5. Although our boys were greatly outweighed, they put up a plucky fight and held them to a score of 6 to 4 for the first half, but during the second half several fresh men were put in and they wore our light team out, but our passing was far superior to theirs and all our team lacked was weight.

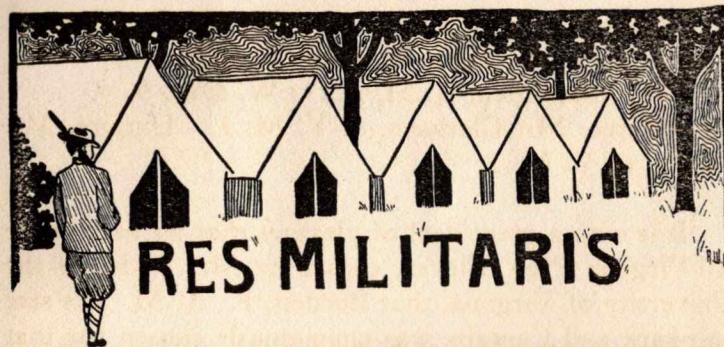
The stars for A. M. A. were, Nelms and Fox, while Shultz and Zaiss were the W. & L. stars.

The points were scored by, Shott, 2; Rawlings, 1; Fox, 2; Seeley, 6; Zaiss, 2; Shultz, 8; Carson, 4.

Fouls committed, A. M. A., 7; W. & L., 9.

Referee, Mr. Clarkson, of V. M. I.. Umpire, Mr. Lowry, of V. M. I.

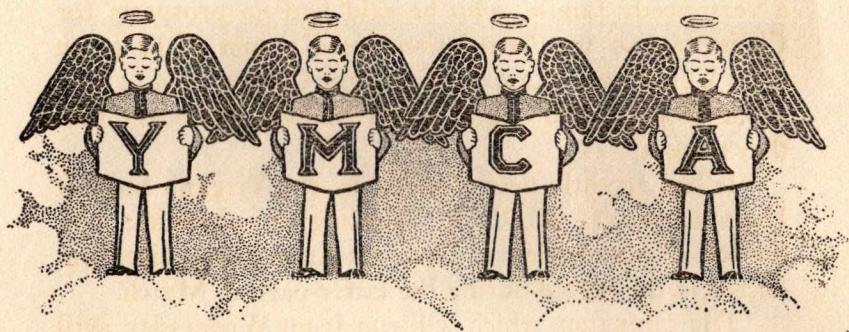
It is with a great deal of pleasure that we note in the All-Virginia Prep. Eleven, chosen by Mr. Todd, of the University of Virginia, that Burdett, F., A. M. A.'s star half-back and Captain, was unanimously chosen for that position which he justly deserves.



WING to the inclement weather Butt's manual has been started in the gymnasium and the progress is good under the present conditions. Since the Holidays the appearance of the Battalion is a great deal better because of the arrival of the swords, sashes and plumes. Dress Parade is now being held every Wednesday and Friday afternoon which is earlier than it has been started for several years. Bars for the commissioned officers have been changed. Now only one is worn on the right shoulder instead of one on each shoulder.

The Band

The band is somewhat crippled, as three of the best men are absent, but there is always some one to fill the other man's place. Even with this delinquency the band is making wonderful progress.



Y. M. C. A.

SP HE Y. M. C. A. is progressing very nicely, although the attendance has not been up to its regular standard for the past few Sundays. Fellows, what is the matter? Some say they have to write letters, others say they haven't time. The meetings never last over twenty or twenty-five minutes and you surely can find time to write during the rest of the day. Now, let us all turn over a new leaf and go to the meetings regularly and we are sure you will get some good out of them.

Several nights ago we had the pleasure of hearing Mr. Baker, the State Secretary of The High School Clubs. Mr. Baker gave us a very interesting talk which was enjoyed very much by all.

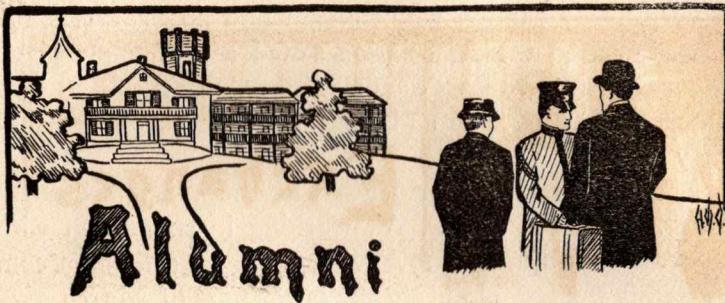
At the last meeting before the holidays we had a very pleasant Christmas meeting which we all enjoyed. We are very much indebted to Colonel and Miss Maggie Bell Roller, who got up the meeting, and also to Mr. and Mrs. Edwards, who were visitors at the School in helping in the singing. During this meeting Colonel told us of

a very needy family, who he said had had no prospects for Christmas, so the Association voted a sum to be given them Christmas. Last Sunday night Colonel told us how much they enjoyed it and surely no one was sorry that they gave it.

It has recently been decided by the Virginia Student Dept. of the Y. M. C. A., working in connection with the school authorities, to have a religious campaign conducted in the school during the latter part of March.

The campaign, which will run from Wednesday until Sunday, will be under the direct charge of Mr. Carl B. Bare, who is well known to every cadet here. Mr. Bare will be here the entire time and will be assisted by Mr. Baker, the State Boys' Secretary, Capt. King, of S. M. A., and several strong men from Washington and Lee and Virginia. The campaign has the hearty support of the alumni, a number of whom expect to be present during the campaign.

It behoves every man in the corps to take an active interest in what is expected to be a great campaign and which should prove a wonderful thing for the school.



J. E. Wright, '13, is attending Chauncy Hall in Boston.

A. H. Schwalb, of A. M. A.'s last year's basketball team, is playing at his old position of guard on V. M. I.

W. G. Gibbon, '13, is working at his home in Philadelphia.

Welsh, '11, is attending Carnegie Tech.

T. A. Shaver, '13, is attending Dunsmore Business College in Staunton.

F. M. Lyons, '13, is working in New Orleans.

J. L. Jeffries, '11, has completed the Law course at U. Va., and is a member of the firm of Jeffries & Jeffries, of Norfolk, Va.

J. N. Carpenter, '12, is attending Cornell.

R. E. Lowenbach, '12, is in the insurance business in Staunton.

Garber, '11, is employed by the Virginia Pharmacy in Staunton.

Neal Cunningham is attending Davis and Elkins College, Elkins, W. Va.



ET is with a great deal of regret we note that the number of our exchanges have decreased. Perhaps some schools do not realize how important a large exchange list is to the betterment of their publication. However, we do, and would gladly welcome any new additions to our present exchange list. It would give us pleasure to hear from more of our former exchanges to whom we have sent THE BAYONET without receiving an acknowledgment.

The Orange and White, Lewisburg, W. Va. Your magazine is excellent. You have a well-balanced paper that any Prep. school should be proud of.

The Monthly Chronicle, Alexandria, Va. Your paper is very good, a few more cuts would improve it.

We acknowledge with thanks the following: *The Orange and White*, *The Monthly Chronicle*, *The Cadet*, *The Ring Tum Phi*, *The Vedette*, *The Record*, *The Chathamite*, *the Bulletin Board*.



Major: Gilkerson, if you don't stop eating I will have you put in a pen.

Gilkerson: The food will be the same, Sir?

Clark: Why is a Pullman called a Pullman?

Barger: Because it pulls.

Clark: Pulls what?

Barger: Pulls a man's pocket book.

Capt. Boyd, in French Class: Shott, what is a familiar idiom in English that the French do not use?

Shott: Isch-ki-bibble.

Capt. Churchman in history: What were the famous aqueducts around Rome?

Bailey, B.: They were the fierce mountain tribes that came down and conquered the Romans.

A Day at A. M. A.

Rev.

Through the halls hear the calls,
As of a million devils screaming;
Up I spring without a thing
Except my night shirt behind me streaming.

B. R. C.

Back to bed I go my night shirt full of snow,
When to my ears there comes a call;
I fall in line never on time,
And march into the old Mess Hall.

Inspection

Breakfast through with lots to do,
I turn my steps in my room's direction,
I seize a broom and sweep my room,
Just in time for inspection.

School

Inspection o'er I close my door,
When without I hear the bugle calling;
I grab a book, take a look,
As into school I go sprawling.

D. R. C.

Promptly at two with books a few
From the school building we gush;
I shine my shoe, spit out my chew,
As into ranks I rush.

Drill

Dinner o'er I rest no more,
For I hear the bugle shrill;
I grab a gun on the run
And slide in ranks for drill.

Penalty Call

Recall will go (where, I don't know),
Then I hope peacefully to slumber,
When in my room is cast a gloom
By penalties without number.

Supper

My penalty o'er, I go once more
Back to my room to sleep;
My weary head hasn't hit the bed
When the bugle calls and out I creep.

Answering Reports

Supper done, to Major I run,
To answer a serious report;
My hat in hand before him I stand,
As he reads "Smoking at fort."

Study Hour

From Major I strut and I am shut
In my room and told to do no sleeping,
Just as I lay down in my hay
Outside I hear a captain creeping.

Taps

My troubles o'er, I'll sigh no more
For I hear taps softly blowing;
My eyes I close in sweet repose,
My thoughts to dreams are going.

C. C. L.

Our Ladies' Man

He is a lieu. in the band,
The boy with the cold creamed hand,
The boy from A. M. A.,
Who is the only ladies' man.

For a girl, this lieu. did fall,
A little queen from Stuart Hall,
And every time a date to make,
Flowers and candy he did take.

This lieu, with the light fantastic toe,
Did ask this girl to the dance to go,
She blushes, behind her fan,
Cause he is the original tango man.

The castle walk is nothing new,
For any dance this boy can do,
And the girls in white, red and blue,
All flocked to dance with little Hugh.

H. S. R.



Mr. Charles Byers, a former A. M. A. Student, was married on Jan. 7th in Huntington, West Virginia, to Miss Hazel Williams, of that city. Mr. Byers' sister, Miss Margaret Byers, was one of the maids. Mrs. Byers and his wife left for a visit in Richmond, after which they will return to the young man's home, known as the "Brick Mansion," which is located at Ft. Defiance, Va.

The corps wishes to express their regret that they cannot have their popular and "poetic" classmate, Dent Smith, with them for the 1913 session. Mr. Smith is now at Columbia Preparatory, studying for the admittance examination to West Point, and which we sincerely hope will be successful and through it he may obtain a high and honorable career.

Baker and Goodwin to the profound regret of the faculty and corps of cadets, have left school.

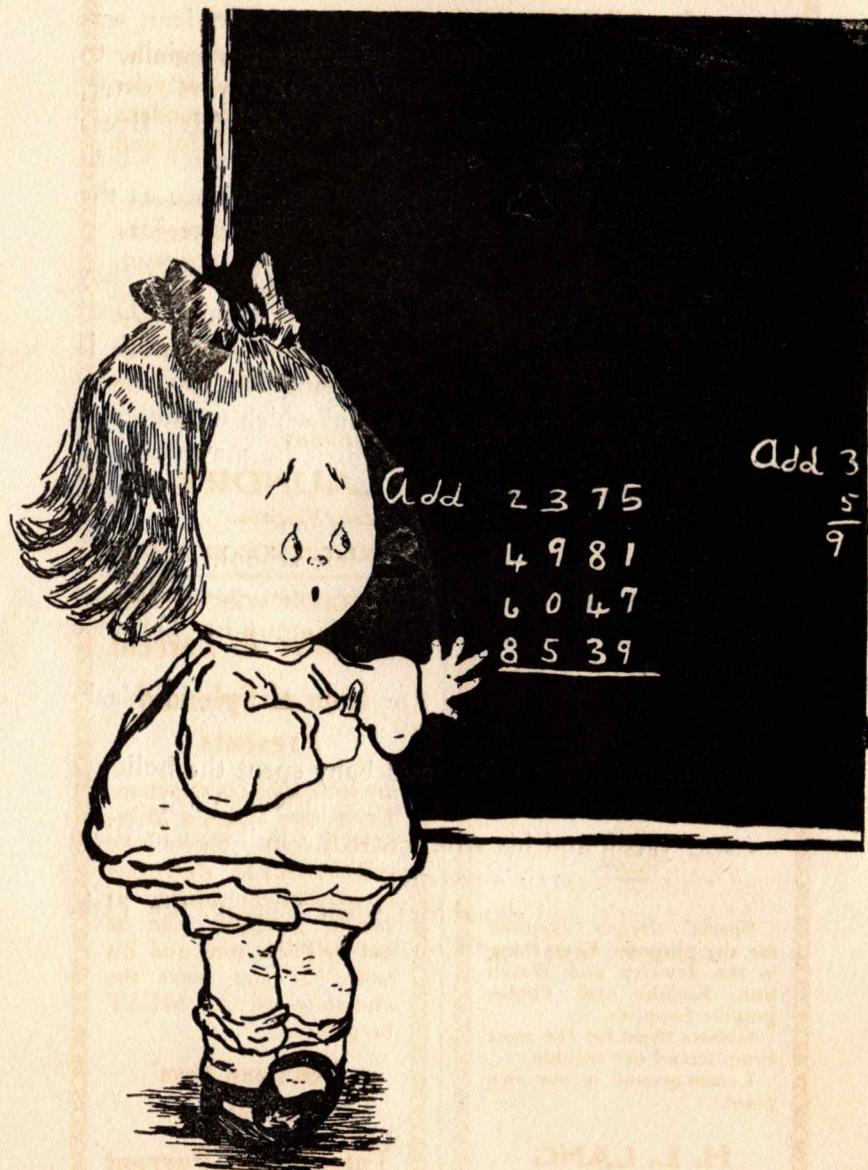
Mr. James Howard Shott has been persuaded to spend the winter months at the famous Ft. Defiance winter resort.

Cadet Linn will take the Annapolis Exams, in Washington next month.

Col. Roller and his wife and baby spent the holidays with Mrs. Roller's mother and sister in New York.

Capt. Jacob and his wife spent the holidays in Richmond, visiting Captain's parents.

Mrs. Curtis and daughters spent Sunday, the 11th, here visiting Douglas and Coleman Curtis.



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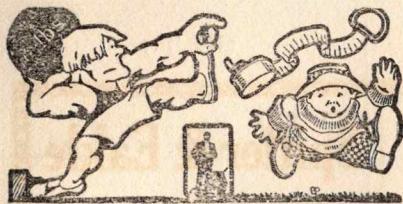
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